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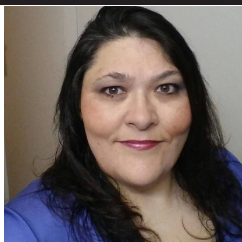


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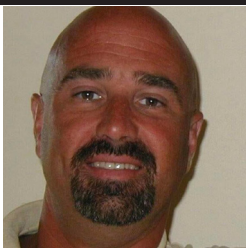
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Lawrence Firefighter Michael J. Delaney

Michael J. Delaney comes from a long line of professional firefighters.

His grandfather, Michael Delaney, was a deputy for the Chelsea Fire Department. His father, James Delaney was a lieutenant for the Boston Fire Department. His younger brother, Patrick Delaney, is currently a captain for Lawrence Fire Department and his son, Michael H. Delaney is also a Lawrence firefighter. Michael's long line of fire service extends to seventeen family members serving or have served across the Commonwealth from 1924 to present day.

Michael J. Delaney was appointed to the Lawrence Fire Department on April 26, 1987. He spent most of his time in South Lawrence at Ladder 9, Engine 9, and Ladder 4. Throughout his career, he served the citizens of Lawrence as a front-line firefighter. From the start of his career, Lawrence was known as the "Arson Capital of the World". Apart from the many fires Michael fought throughout his career, some notable moments of his bravery are:

- In 1994, Michael worked through the Malden Mills fire .
- 3/13/95 Commendation for medical assist on Crosby St.
- 4/25/97 Commendation for rescue on the Merrimack River of a boat going over the falls
- 2/21/00 Commendation for actions at 441 South Broadway where he was coming back from a call, noticed a fire in progress and rescued tenants from the building
- 1/21/08 Was 1st on scene during the conflagration at Parker and Springfield St.
- Rescued a dog out of the Merrimack River
- Retired on April 29, 2016
- In retirement, during December 2017, alongside three other Lawrence Firefighters, he administered CPR and saved Brian Boutin, the son of Retired Captain Leo Boutin.

Michael worked at a time before social media, where every heroic action wasn't documented. Dingy, as he is known to friends, was truly a leader by example for every firefighter who worked with him. He did the job the way it should have been done. When the bell hits, you'd rather nobody else on the line with you going in to help someone in need. His bravery and knowledge are second to none. His legendary status as an athletic legend throughout the Merrimack Valley was equally matched by his status as a Lawrence firefighter for his career. The memories and the laughs shared by him and the men and women he worked with were the stuff of legends as well. Michael was a strong labor employee and faithfully served under Lawrence Firefighters Union Local 146, answering the call time and time again.

Michael worked his entire career serving the citizens of Lawrence as what fellow firefighters call "a Good Jake." This term is considered the highest form of praise that firefighters can give to each other.

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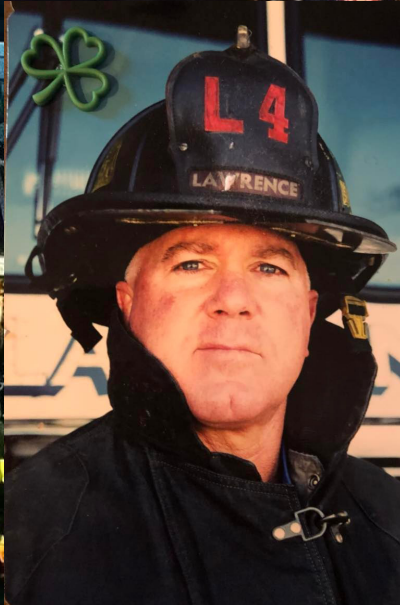


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Tonight at 6pm will mark the beginning of the final tour of duty for FF Mike Delaney after a 29 year career with the Lawrence Fire Department. We would like to wish Mike a happy, healthy and prosperous retirement. Congratulations!

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***OFFICER TOM DUGGAN SR. PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS**

On March 16, 1990, Lawrence Police Officer Tom Duggan Sr. lost his life in the line of duty. He was a man who loved being a police officer and lived his life responding to cries for help in the community. While he worked on many major cases and high profile crimes, he always said that it was the day to day work he did on and off duty to help people in small ways that really made his job worth doing. This year we honor his service and sacrifice with “The Valley Patriot, Officer Tom Duggan Sr., Law Enforcement Award.” The award is given to members of public safety (police or fire) and/or one civilian who honors the service and personal sacrifice police officers and firefighters make every day. Officer Duggan believed that those little extra things we do in life to help others ... make the biggest differences in people’s lives at the end of the day and makes the world around us a better place.

PAST WINNERS:

- (2013):** Wheelabrator’s Scott Emerson & Methuen Police Officer Dan O’Connell.
- (2014)** Amesbury Police Officer Jason Kookan & Lawrence Firefighter Manny Gonzalez
- (2015)** Ret. Woburn Police Officer Bob DiNapoli & Lawrence Fire Chief Brian Murphy
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- (2020-2021)** Covid Hysteria
- (2022)** Lawrence Police Officers Timothy Dube & Thomas Meyers, and Lawrence Firefighters: Lt. Rene Lavallee, Wilson Ventura and Rick Mendonca

***2023 OFFICER TOM DUGGAN SR. PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD**

Methuen Police Officer
Kevin Schiavone



Methuen Police Officer
James Keating

Sgt. Deleon nominated Officers Schiavone and Officer Keating be recognized for their bravery, courage, and ability to perform their duties under an extremely stressful situation. On July 23, 2023, Officers Kevin Schiavone and James Keating were working a detail at the Elixir Hookah Lounge on East Street in Methuen. While officers were in the area, a shooting occurred with 6-7 shots being fired. Simultaneously, a large fight broke out during closing time while officers were present within feet of the incident. The subjects had no regard for the police officer's presence.

The scene was chaotic. Approximately 100 people in the Elixir parking lot were agitated and angry, gridlocking the parking lot quickly. The crowd was yelling, honking horns, and revving their car engines. Officers from Andover, Haverhill, MSP, Medford, Newbury, Lowell, Dracut, and Salem (NH) assisted. One male was shot in the leg above the knee. He was attempting to conceal his injury and involvement and left the scene. Police were looking for a Mercedes believed to be involved in the shooting. Then police observed a 2021 Mercedes parked with tinted windows and fearing for their safety ordered the occupants out at gunpoint. Officers located female attempting to hide a gun within the backseat of the vehicle. All four occupants of the vehicle were subsequently arrested.

Sgt. Deleon, as the Commanding Officer felt that the officers on scene were in imminent harm. Numerous outside agencies were contacted and responded to assist during this very dangerous incident. As a result of a complete and thorough investigation by Officers Schiavone and Officer Keating, two firearms were recovered, and several arrests were made. One male was treated for a gunshot wound. These two officers showed courage and the ability to work through a very stressful situation involving an unruly crowd of more than 100 people. These two officers remained composed and focused. Doing so kept others safe on scene. The officers securing a dangerous crime scene, rendering first aid, and conducting a thorough investigation. Sgt Deleon requested that these two Officers be recognized for their brave efforts.



*** VALLEY PATRIOT JOHN RATKA HERO VETERAN AWARD**

Because honoring Veterans is so much a part of what we do at The Valley Patriot, tonight we honor people who themselves honor our hero service men and women here at home. With the passing of our good friend and hero Vetran John Ratka this year we have decided to name this award (which he won last year) the John Ratka Hero Veteran Award. Tonight we honor John and at least two two veterans who not only served their country overseas but continued to serve their country here at home. Whether it's public service, or helping other veterans, tonight's recipients are men who embody what service and sacrifice are all about.



John Ratka

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (2013) David Swarbrick, John Lenottee, & Helen Mooradkhanian (2014) Francisco Urena & Tom Fallon. (2015) Bruce Arnold Salvucci, John MacDonald & Eric Nelson (2016) J.T. Torres - Donald Jarvis - John Ratka - (2017) Randy Carter and Gerard MaGuire (2018) Dan Cotnoir & Steve Paine * (2019) Eugene Smith and John Cuddy (2020-2021) Covid Hysteria (2022) Jason Gilbert & Jeannette Mason

2023 RECIPIENTS:

Kevin Lynch

Linda Dean Campbell



Kevin Lynch

*** VALLEY PATRIOT JOHN RATKA**

HERO VETERAN AWARD

Sergeant Kevin Lynch started out working as a reserve police officer with the Haverhill Police Department in 1994, where he went to the police academy July 2003. He made the rank of Sergeant in September 2018, and holds the position as the supervisor for the traffic unit, School Resource Officer's (SRO's), and the Behavioral Unit.

Since starting with the Haverhill Police Department Sergeant Lynch has obtained the following qualifications; DRE ~ Drug Recognition Expert, Heroin Education Awareness task force training, Standardized Field Sobriety Test and a Level III Instructor, Sexual Assault Investigator, Technical Emergency Response course, Identifying deceptive behavior, Introduction to Law Enforcement Intelligence, Courtroom testifying training, Emergency Vehicle Operator Trained, C.O.B.W.E.B. ~ Bicycle Operator trained, Police Motorcycle & ATV Operator trained, Incident Command Vehicle Operator, Certified Glock firearms armorer, Certified Radar & LIDAR Operator, Emergency Dispatch Operator, Certified Breath Test Operator, CPR / First Aid Responder certified, CPS Certified Child Seat Installer, Certified Field Training Officer (FTO), Crash Investigation, Crash Reconstruction Investigation, Advanced Crash Investigation.

Sergeant Kevin Lynch Developed the Registration Procedure to Register Sex Offenders, Overhauled the Sex Offender filing system, and is also Sex Offender Registry Board Certified.

Sergeant Lynch is part of The Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) where he holds the qualifications of a crisis response negotiator, responds with Swat teams to deescalate situations.

Sergeant Lynch is the Veteran liaison for the Haverhill Police Department, he works with all the community Veteran agencies, holds a Masters of Arts in Human Services Crisis, Response and Trauma, deals with Veterans with PTSD/Suicide.

CM1 ~ Construction Mechanic First Class United States Navy (Retired) March 27, 2000 – May 1, 2021

CM1 Lynch enlisted in the Navy on March 27, 2000, he was assigned to Navy Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 27. CM1 Lynch was mobilized with NMCB 7 in support of Operating Enduring Freedom, deploying to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba from January 2002 to September 2002. Again, was mobilized with NMCB 27 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom deployed to Al Asad Air Base Iraq from June 2008 to March 2009.

CM1 Kevin Lynch held multiple positions/titles during his time in service. A few to include Leading Petty Officer, Career Counselor, and Officer in Charge of Detachment 101 Amphibious Construction Battalion.

Training's to include Work Center Supervisor Leadership course, Lead Petty Officer Leadership Course and Career Counselor Course.

CM1 Kevin Lynch was and is always willing to help any Veteran in need. He has helped multiple sailors from getting them advanced when no one else could, to helping a homeless Veteran obtain housing and being recalled to active duty for stability.

He will go above and beyond for anyone, which is evident in the two professions he has chosen in his lifetime. This Bio is just a clip of some of the things Kevin has accomplished in his life, there are far too many stories to fit in a short Bio of people Kevin has helped.

2023 Whittier Scholarship Winner

Arturo Zuniga

Arturo Zuniga is a senior in the masonry program at Whittier Tech.

An extremely hard worker, Arturo has been proven his solid work ethic, maturity, and responsibility in his shop, his academic classes on the athletic fields, and in his co-op job. Hailing from Haverhill Arturo was captain of the varsity soccer team, is a valued member of the Whittier maintenance crew through his co-op job, and works another part-time job outside of school hours. He was described by his teachers as a quiet leader who will tackle any job project or assignment given to him without a single word of complaint.

After graduating from Whittier he has aspirations of studying construction management at Fitchburg State College or Wentworth institution of technology.



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2023 Special Needs Scholarship

Phil Glendye Memorial Scholarship



Phil Glendye was a teacher in Lawrence and ran the Special Olympics for 25 years at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. This is out second year honoring Phil at our BASH with a scholarship in his name because nobody cared more .. or did more... for the special needs kids in Lawrence than PHIL GLENDYE!

Vanessa De La Cruz Sanchez

Vanessa participates in the Lawrence High Early College Program taking classes at Merrimack College! Vanessa applied to BU, Framingham State, Emmanuel College, Merrimack, Northeastern, UMass Amherst, UMass Lowell, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth, and Wheaton College. Vanessa wants to study Pre-Med and become a pediatrician.

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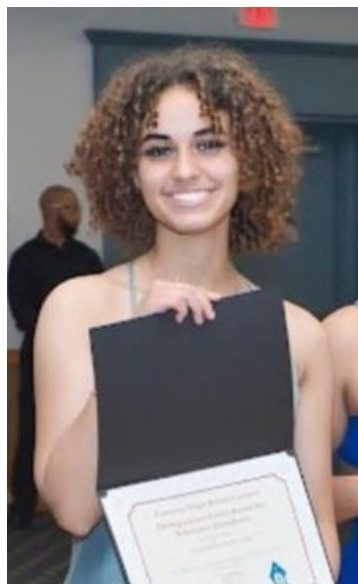
Jaraliz Morales

JrROTC

Jaraliz Morales is a senior at Lawrence High School who achieved the rank of Cadet LTC and is currently serving as the Battalion Commander of the Lancer Battalion.

Jada attend Lawrence Abbott Academy. She has a unique leadership style and is respected by all members of the battalion. Cadet LTC Morales is strict yet approachable. She brought the unarmed drill team to victory this drill season winning 2 out of 3 competitions. This cadet is also part of the Lancer battalion step team and has performed for the last several years all over the Merrimack Valley.

We are certain that Jada will be successful in anything she sets her mind to.



PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS: 2010-Davante Jones, Franklin Pierce University| 2011-Crismelys Ruiz, Lincoln Tech. Lowell - Med Asst.| 2012-Ambar Hussein-Martinez, Northern Essex| 2013-Thalia Garcia, Westfield State University: 2014 Sofia Cardenas and Ramses Jimenez Candelario | 2015 winners Christopher Pichardo & Caroline Garcia | 2016 winners Kevin Vanderhorst & Thu Dang. | 2017 Winners Christian Lantigua and Leslie Morerro, | 2018 Darlene Santos | 2019 Rachel Hiraldo | 2020 Camilla Herrera | 2021 Covid Hysteria | 2022 Katerin Ucles

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2022 Studio 21 Podcast Cafe Scholarship Winner

James Sugden

Methuen High



James Sugden's favorite classes are history and film/video production. Both sparked his interest and he is eager to pursue a degree in History and Film in college. James is very involved with the music program. He is in Honors Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Dirty Hands Ink, and he also plays in the school's theater productions. These commitments certainly take up a lot of time after school, including multiple hours of practice. He volunteered at a local grammar school for their fall festival, and he has assisted with unified track. He is a member of the National Honor and History Honor Societies as well. Moreover, he works for the school's video production crew, and films the school committee meetings, which is a job he has had since last year. This year, James did a Christmas Special involving teachers for his video production class and it was fabulous!

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Michelle DeLuca Benedetti Memorial Scholarship (Haverhill High)

Liam Robertson

Liam is a current senior at Haverhill High School. He is a three season athlete at HHS, participates in fall crew, winter track (captain), and spring track. His extracurricular activities include Foreign Language National Honor Society and National Honor Society.



Liam plans to pursue a career in Criminal Justice and attend Merrimack in the fall of 2023.

The Michelle DeLuca Benedetti Memorial Scholarship was established by her brother Ken DeLuca with a \$500 donation to a Haverhill High School Senior going into Criminal Justice or Social Work in the fall.

Michelle (DeLuca) Benedetti, 51, wife of Joseph A. Benedetti, passed away May 30, 2019 at High Pointe Hospice in Haverhill after a courageous battle with cancer. Her long fight didn't define her, however, nor did it slow her down. She made every



moment count, right up to the last. She was surrounded by her loving family. Michelle obtained her Master's Degree from University of Massachusetts, Lowell. For 21 years she was employed with the State of Massachusetts in the Department of Children and Families as a Social Worker and Supervisor, working in the Haverhill Office since 2001.

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Dan Strange
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The Valley Patriot's Dan Coady, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Four years ago, one of our readers, Al Veilleux donated \$500 to start a scholarship in memory of Dan Coady Jr. who was killed in tragic accident on Rt. 495 just a week before our annual BASH in 2018. Each year Al asks that we keep the Dan Coady Memorial Scholarship going for students who attended the Thomson Grammar School in North Andover where at least one of Dan Coadys children attended at the time. Al's goal was to keep this scholarship going every year in the hopes that Dan's children will be able to receive this scholarship when they graduate from High School. Last year Dan's oldest son Patrick received this scholarship in the amount of \$7,390.



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Cam Reiland

Camden Reiland is a proud graduate of The Thomson School. He has many amazing memories from attending 6 years at the historic North Andover elementary school. Some of them include early morning chess club with many of his neighborhood friends, hours of playing sports at the Kids Stop after school program and many great teachers and administrators mentoring him. Camden's favorite memories are the Veterans Day celebrations where once he was chosen to speak and honor our counties heroes.



A senior at North Andover High School, Camden has used the lessons learned at The Thomson School to blaze a bright path. He was a 3-year varsity starter and senior captain of the soccer team. During his senior year he was awarded the MVP award. He was also named to the Merrimack Conference First-Team in addition to playing in the Eastern Massachusetts All-Star Game.

Camden is a two time All American in Track and field. He is a 4-year varsity runner and currently captain of both the indoor and outdoor track teams. During his track career he has been a part of 6 team state championships, multiple Merrimack Valley individual championships and top 6 finish in the mile at the all state championships. He currently holds the North Andover High school record in the indoor 2 mile, 4X800 meter relay, 4Xmile relay, and the Distance medley relay.

Academically Camden has excelled as well. He is a member of the National Honor Society with a 4.425 GPA. Camden was selected to receive the Abigale Adams Scholarship for high academic performance on the high school MCAS exams. His hard work academically has earned him a spot at many colleges and universities. He has yet to decide where he will attend.

Camden has volunteered for many things around the community. He has spent time helping at the elementary schools, including Thomson, demonstrating chemistry experiments with his AP classmates. He has also traveled around town to mentor elementary and middle school students as captain of his sports teams. He is proud to live and represent North Andover.

2023 GLTS Scholarship Winner**Arielle Cavaretta**

Arielle Cavarretta is a 12th grade student in the Engineering program at Greater Lawrence Technical School. Arielle has excelled academically throughout her high school career. She is currently ranked 5th in a class of 405 students and maintains a 4.3 / 4.0 GPA while taking honors level classes.

Outside of the classroom, Arielle is active and involved in the GLTS school community. She can be found most days after school at meetings for various clubs or volunteering at school events. She is an editor of the yearbook, a member of the National Honor Society, co-president of her class and part of our 'Reggie Leader' group. As a Reggie Leader, she mentors younger students and acts as an ambassador for our school at community events.

Arielle also volunteers to wrap Christmas gifts for children at St. Lucy Parish and plants flags on Memorial Day at St. Mary - Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Methuen. She is able to achieve outstanding grades, be involved at GLTS and volunteer in her community while also working a part time job.

Arielle plans to study animal science at UMass Amherst, UNH or University of Connecticut. Arielle lives in Methuen with her parents, Mark and Kelly Cavarretta.



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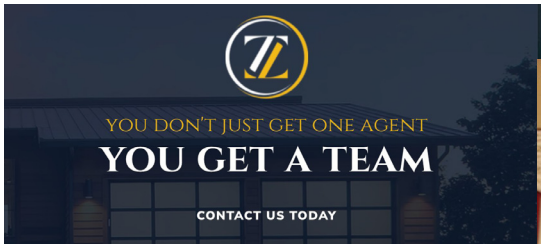
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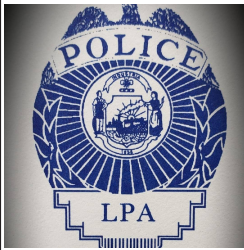
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HAPPY 19TH ANNIVERSARY!

FRANK MORAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

I Remember how they Laughed 19 Years and 233 Editions Ago

I REMEMBER SO WELL ...

I remember when the very first edition of The Valley Patriot was delivered to my office in Lawrence City Hall back in 2004. I had never seen anything like it. It was a breath of fresh air for free speech in the Lawrence area! Tom, you and your team have come a long way since those days, you ought to be proud!

I also remember taking my share of criticism in the pages of this newspaper, but it was always fair and never personal.

Mostly, I remember when you first unveiled your vision for standards in journalism, how you were laughed at and mocked by the political insiders and the newspaper industry.

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Mike Sullivan



(Then) Lawrence Mayor Mike Sullivan in July of 2005 at the placement of our very first newspaper box on Mt. Vernon St. in Lawrence.



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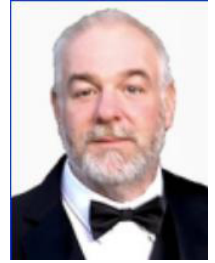
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SCOTT CLEGG GOODWILL AMBASSADOR AWARD

A few years ago we lost a great friend and life long supporter of The Valley Patriot, Scott Clegg. Scott was a man who went out of his way to donate his time, money and resources to helping those less fortunate as well as honoring veterans, and being active in the community. We are naming our Goodwill Ambassador Award for Scott so that people will always remember the goodwill he brought to our community.



Once called the Honorable Mention Award, The Goodwill Ambassador Award was given to TWO people who do not necessarily work for The Valley Patriot but act as goodwill ambassadors in the community. This Award was retired a few years ago and rolled into the President's Award until the passing of Scott Clegg who was the ultimate community service advocate in Lawrence.

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(2013) Mike Grammont & Tracey Zysk

(2014) Rich Russel & Shawn Hansen

(2015) John Bergeron & Gracemarie & Joyce Tomaselli

(2016) Jack Roy & Mike & Candy Colizzi

(2017) No Nominees * (2018) No Nominees

(2019) Michael Gorman and the kids of TME, Carina Pappalardo

(2020-2021) COVID HYSTERIA

(2022) Nancy Gorman, Carrie Weiland, and Linda Soucy

2023 NOMINEES:

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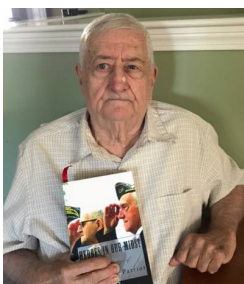
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